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### **READ-ALIKES**

## **ALANNA: THE FIRST ADVENTURE** / by Tamora Pierce. Y PBC PIERCE

#### (Song of the Lioness series #1, more books available)

Becoming a legend is not easy, as young Alanna of Trebond discovers when she disguises herself as a boy and begins training to be a knight. Alanna's skills and stubbornness help her befriend Prince Jonathan and alienate his evil uncle, Duke Roger. 1983.

#### THE AMULET OF SAMARKAND / by Jonathan Stroud.

#### Y STROUD & FIC STROUD (YA Section)

#### (Bartimaeus Trilogy #1, more books available)

Intent on revenge, Nathaniel, a young magician's apprentice, summons a five-thousand-year-old djinni to steal the Amulet of Samarkand from ruthless master magician Simon Lovelace, and, along with Nathaniel, becomes caught up in a dangerous world of espionage, blackmail, murder, and conspiracy. 2003.

#### **ARTEMIS FOWL** / Eoin Colfer.

#### Y PBC COLFER

#### (Artemis Fowl series #1, more books available)

Twelve-year-old criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl, heir to the Fowl family empire and centuries-old legacy of scams and underworld machinations, decides to uncover the secret treasure of the Fairy People by stealing one of their magical books, decoding it, kidnapping leprechaun Holly Short, and taking on the entire forces of the fairy kingdom. 2001.

#### THE BOOK OF THREE / Lloyd Alexander.

#### **J ALEXANDE**

#### (Chronicles of Prydain #1)

Assistant Pig-Keeper Taran grumbles with frustration at home in the hamlet Caer Dallben; he yearns to go into battle like his hero, Prince Gwydion. But how will he fare when adventure calls and he finds himself up against the evil leader who threatens the peace of Prydain: the Horned King? 1964.

#### THE DARK IS RISING / Susan Cooper.

#### Y PBC COOPER

#### (Dark is Rising Sequence #1, more books available)

On his eleventh birthday Will Stanton discovers that he is the last of the Old Ones, destined to seek the six magical Signs

that will enable the Old Ones to triumph over the evil forces of the Dark. 1965.

#### **ERAGON** / Christopher Paolini.

#### Y PAOLINI & FIC PAOLINI (YA Section)

#### (Inheritance series #1, more books available)

In Aagaesia, a fifteen-year-old boy of unknown lineage called Eragon finds a mysterious stone that weaves his life into an intricate tapestry of destiny, magic, and power, peopled with dragons, elves, and monsters. 2002.

#### **FABLEHAVEN** / Brandon Mull.

#### J MULL

#### (Fablehaven series #1, more books available)

When Kendra and Seth go to stay at their grandparents' estate, they discover that it is a sanctuary for magical creatures and that a battle between good and evil is looming. 2006.

#### THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING / J.R.R. Tolkien.

#### Y PBC TOLKIEN / FIC TOLKIEN (Main Floor)

#### (Lord of the Rings series #1, more books available)

Frodo Baggins knew the Ringwraiths were searching for him - and the Ring of Power he bore that would enable Sauron to destroy all that was good in Middle-earth. Now it was up to Frodo and his faithful servant Sam to carry the Ring to where it could be destroyed - in the very center of Sauron's dark kingdom. 1954.

#### THE GOLDEN COMPASS / Philip Pullman.

#### Y PBC PULLMAN / FIC PULLMAN (Adult Storage)

-Also a major motion picture!

#### (His Dark Materials series #1, more books available)

In an alternative world in which every human being is accompanied by an animal familiar, the disappearance of sev-eral children prompts Lyra and her bear protector to undertake a journey to the frozen Arctic in pursuit of kidnappers. 1995.

#### THE GRAVEYARD BOOK / Neil Gaiman

#### Y GAIMAN

Raised since he was a baby by ghosts, werewolves, and other residents of the cemetery in which he has always resided, Bod wonders how he will manage to survive amongst the living with only the lessons he has learned from the dead... 2008.

#### THE HOBBIT / J.R.R. Tolkien.

Y TOL / FIC TOL (Adult Storage) / PBC TOLKIEN (Main Floor) Bilbo Baggins, a respectable, well-to-do hobbit, lives comfortably in his hobbit-hole until the day the wandering wizard Gandalf chooses him to take part in an adventure from which he may never return. 1937.

#### **HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE** / Diana Wynne Jones.

Y PBC JONES / Y JON (Juvenile Storage)

-Also a major motion picture!

(Howl's Moving Castle series #1, more books available)

Eldest of three sisters in a land where it is considered to be a misfortune, Sophie is resigned to her fate as a hat shop apprentice until a witch turns her into an old woman and she finds herself in the castle of the greatly feared wizard Howl. 1986.

#### THE LIGHTNING THIEF / Rick Riordan.

J PBC RIORDAN / J RIORDAN

(Percy Jackson & the Olympians #1, more books available)

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods. 2005.

#### THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE / C.S. Lewis.

J LEW / J PBC LEW (Penacook) / J PBC LEWIS

-Also a major motion picture!

(Chronicles of Narnia #1, more books available)

Four English schoolchildren find their way through the back of a wardrobe into the magic land of Narnia and assist Aslan, the golden lion, to triumph over the White Witch, who has cursed the land with eternal winter. 1950.

# MRS. FRISBY AND THE RATS OF NIMH / Robert C. O'Brien J OBRIEN (Display) / J PBC OBR

-Also a classic animated film!

Mrs. Frisby, a widowed mouse with four small children, is faced with a terrible problem. She must move her family to their summer quarters immediately, but her youngest son lies ill with pneumonia and must not be moved. Fortunately, she encounters the rats of NIMH, an extraordinary breed of highly intelligent creatures... 1971.

#### THE NEVERENDING STORY / Michael Ende.

FIC END (Adult Storage)

-Also a classic motion picture!

Shy, awkward Bastian is amazed to discover that he has become a character in the mysterious book he is reading and that he has an important mission to fulfill. 1979.

#### THE PRINCESS BRIDE / abridged by William Goldman.

FIC GOLDMAN (Main Floor)

What happens when the most beautiful girl in the world marries the handsomest prince of all time and he turns out to be...well...a lot less than the man of her dreams? 1973.

#### **REDWALL** / Brian Jacques.

Y PBC JACQUES / Y JAC (Penacook)

(Redwall series #1, more books available)

When the peaceful life of ancient Redwall Abbey is shattered by the arrival of the evil rat Cluny and his villainous hordes, Matthias, a young mouse, determines to find the legendary sword of Martin the Warrior which, he is convinced, will help Redwall's inhabitants destroy the enemy. 1986.

#### THE TALES OF BEEDLE THE BARD / J.K. Rowling.

**J ROWLING** 

The Tales of Beedle the Bard first came to Muggle readers' attention in the book known as Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows. Now, thanks to Hermione Granger's new translation from the ancient runes, we present this stunning edition with an introduction, notes, and illustrations by J. K. Rowling, and extensive commentary by Albus Dumbledore. 2008.

#### THE THIEF LORD / Cornelia Funke.

Y FUNKE / Y PBC FUNKE

-Also a motion picture!

Escaping the aunt who wants to adopt only one of them, two orphaned brothers run away from Hamburg to Venice, finding shelter with a gang of street children and their leader, the thirteen-year-old "Thief Lord," while also eluding the detective hired to return them to Germany. 2003.

#### A WIZARD OF EARTHSEA / Ursula K. Le Guin.

Y PBC LE GUIN (Penacook)

(Earthsea Cycle #1)

Ged was the greatest sorcerer in Earthsea, but in his youth he was the reckless Sparrowhawk. In his hunger for power and knowledge, he tampered with long-held secrets and loosed a terrible shadow upon the world. This is the tumultuous tale of his testing, how he mastered the mighty words of power, tamed an ancient dragon, and crossed death's threshold to restore the balance. 1968.

#### A WRINKLE IN TIME / Madeleine L'Engle

Y PBC LENGLE / Y LENGLE (Display) / L FIC LEN (Large Print Storage) (Time Quartet #1, more books available)

Young Meg Murry and her friends become involved with unearthly strangers and a search for Meg's father, who has disappeared while engaged in secret work for the government. 1962.